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TREATMENT OF FIBROSIS AND SCARRING  
(As Amended)

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### FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.